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Brad Little, Governor
Jess Byrne, Director

September 22, 2020

Subject: Termination of April 8, 2020, addendum to DEQ's March 18, 2020 letter

Dear wastewater operators and managers:

On March 31, 2020, EPA's Office of Compliance issued a memorandum entitled *Temporary Advisory for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Reporting in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic* (Temporary NPDES Advisory) that provided direction to authorized NPDES programs. DEQ also issued a memorandum on March 18, 2020, and an addendum to that memorandum on April 8, 2020, identifying actions that facilities could take to prepare for the pandemic and what DEQ was currently doing to help with the response. The April 8, 2020, addendum provided further information on what a facility might do if it was unable to collect a sample or if the lab was unable to analyze the sample due to COVID-19 closures.

The NetDMR code Z for COVID-19 related DMR submittals was discontinued on August 31, 2020. You will be able to use that code to submit missing reports or corrected reports for monitoring that occurred between March 2020 and August 31, 2020. Please refer to EPA's memorandum [Termination of Temporary Advisory for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System \(NPDES\) Reporting in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic](#).

Please refer to DEQ's [memorandum](#) of March 18, 2020 if your facility has a COVID-19 related issue with sampling and monitoring.

As always, if you have questions or concerns regarding facility operation, please reach out to your regional compliance officer for assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Anne Nelson".

Mary Anne Nelson, PhD
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c: Jess Byrne, Director, DEQ
Troy Smith, IPDES Bureau Chief, DEQ